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**Sent:** Tue 10/13/2015 2:29:25 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Marathon Petroleum Emissions  
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RE: Air Quality Crisis in 48217

Hello-

We frequently get complaints from **Non-Responsive** about Marathon which I usually forward to Jorge Acevedo and cc Kostas if they are not already on there.

This is a direct request to us and requires a response. State Representative Stephanie Chang is ccd. FYI- **Non-Responsive** recently had a conversation with the Administrator about the refinery rule where she discussed her difficulties living next to Marathon.

I have attached the latest correspondence between MDEQ and **Non-Responsive** to this email.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

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**From:** Non-Responsive  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2015 11:29 PM  
**To:** Lasky, Lara  
**Cc:** Stephanie Gray Chang  
**Subject:** Marathon Petroleum Emissions

Dear Ms. Lasky,

During the weekend of October 9-11, 2015 Marathon Petroleum Corporation's emissions were extremely high in our community. There were huge, sometimes blackened, flaring plumes. [There was a special project at the refinery] On Friday evening when I returned home the emission odors were so strong my eyes were uncomfortable. I complained to the refinery and also to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality through the PEAS line. I also contacted an EPA hotline.

There was major flaring, pictured in attachments, and hissing sounds emanating from the refinery. Our community was not notified of the refinery's plans. People with respiratory illnesses, autoimmune diseases, pregnant women and children should have been informed about the refinery's actions during the weekend so that they could taken appropriate action.

Marathon Enviromental Engineer Kay Bedenis telephoned me on Saturday and said the refinery took readings in our community and there was nothing to read. I told her my sense of smell had very strong reactions.

I am requesting the EPA check refinery records for this weekend to ascertain the level of emissions emitted from the refinery and whether they were harmful to our health.

Thank you.

Non-Responsive  
[Redacted]